

THE IDEAL OF THE DANCE.

Something Unattainable. But Towards Which All Dancing Should Tend.

POINTS FOR LOCAL DEVOTEES.

The Week in Society Marked by Two Brilliant Receptions and Other Pleasant Events—Art and Other Notes.

The Philosophy of Dancing.

Macmillan's Magazine. It seems to me that there is something subtler, something more real in dancing than those rather superficial distinctions, interesting as they may be to the ordinary observer, useful as they must be to one who is treating dancing from a merely historical standpoint. All human knowledge, we are told, is relative, so is all dancing. In dancing as in everything else there is an ideal, an ideal ever unattainable, but toward which all dancing should tend. As the ideal poet is one who writes poetry purely for poetry's sake, so the ideal dancer is one who dances purely for dancing's sake. As all motives of gain, nay, all moral and ethical tendencies, while they may magnify and popularize a dance, lessen its value as poetry, so all extraneous motives detract from the purity of dancing. It is true that this ideal is never reached, but such dancing approaches it much more nearly than others. The dance, in fact, is a "Pyrrhichia saltatio," were in ancient times religious. The gambols of the salivators form the only parallel among us. The secular element has invaded the other representations of the dance—its theatrics and the choruses in the ballets; in the former the end is health, in the latter the earning of money, or something, less than, but only a secondary subsidiary. Plainly it is not in this class that we are looking for dancing for dancing's sake.

A Reception.

Mrs. E. P. Peck gave a reception Friday from 3 to 6. The parlors were lighted with candles and everything was on a scale of elegance. The ladies who assisted in receiving were Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. McCord, Mrs. Lander, Mrs. Nye, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Knight, Miss J. J. Brown, Mrs. Poppleton, Mrs. Annin, Mrs. Patrick, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Boyd and Miss Boyd, Mrs. Balcombe, Miss Clark, Mrs. Mander, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Koon, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hester, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. and Miss Wakely, Mrs. Woolworth, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. and Miss McCormick, Mrs. Peabody, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. equally, Mrs. Doane, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. and Miss Hoagland, Mrs. and Miss Luener, Mrs. Broun, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Shelton, Mrs. S. Burns, Mrs. Hagar, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Merriam, Mrs. Shiverick, Mrs. J. W. Morse, Mrs. Barney and Mrs. Nason, Mrs. W. V. Morse, Mrs. Cowin, Mrs. D. V. Barklow, Mrs. E. J. Barker, Mrs. Graddy, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Max Meyer, Mrs. Squires, Mrs. Burnham, Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Bechel, Mrs. J. C. Clarkson, Mrs. Nye, Mrs. C. E. Estbrook, Mrs. Carrier, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. and Miss Dickey, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Dundy, Mrs. Funkhouser, Mrs. and Miss McConnell, Mrs. Gaylord, Mrs. Hiteckow, Mrs. and Miss Hester, Mrs. Millan, Mrs. McWhorter, Mrs. Hams, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. and Miss Lehmer, Mrs. Morsman, Mrs. Barringer, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. and Miss Sharp, Mrs. Swolby, Mrs. and Miss Sumner, Mrs. J. W. Savage, Mrs. Coutant, Mrs. and Miss Rustin, Mrs. Calloway, Mrs. and Miss Shears, Mrs. and Miss Congdon, Mrs. and Miss Linder, Mrs. and Miss Chambers, Mrs. and Miss Howard, Mrs. and Miss Toft, Mrs. L. H. Tower, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. D. L. Clark, Mrs. Ramge, Mrs. Geo. Barker, Mrs. Joseph, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. J. Allan, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Crook, Mrs. Connell, Mrs. McKausland, Mrs. Ringwalt, Mrs. Redick, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. and Miss Barker, Mrs. and Miss Adams, Mrs. and Miss Noll, Mrs. and Miss Barker, Mrs. Timmerman, Miss Doyle, Miss Berlin, Miss Greenhouse.

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Mrs. Barton, a combination of blue silk and velvet.

Mrs. Max Meyer, a combination of blue silk and velvet.

Mrs. Squires, a combination of blue silk and velvet.

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Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Edgar, a combination of blue silk and velvet.

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Mrs. Coutant, a combination of blue silk and velvet.

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Woolworth, Bishop Worthington, Miss Worthington, John C. Worthington, Mrs. L. H. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Callaway, Mrs. and Mrs. O'Connell, Dr. and Mrs. Peabody, General and Mrs. Wheaton and Miss Miller, Captain Cook, Major Butler, Mr. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. J. Burras, Mr. and Mrs. Coutant, Mrs. William Steiner, Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt, Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Zahner, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burns, Miss V. B. Gilbert, Miss W. H. Callaway, Mr. B. Millard, Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Max Meyer, Dr. and Mrs. Darrow, J. R. Lehmer, Mr. and Mrs. Sharp, Lieutenant and Mrs. Kingman, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. McCaskill.

Unity Club Social.

The Unity club gave their first social Friday evening at Masonic hall. About a hundred and fifty people were present, and the affair was a thorough success socially and financially. Irvin's orchestra furnished music for the programme of sixteen numbers. The ladies of the club contributed coffee and cake. The party closed promptly at 12 o'clock. Among those present were Mrs. C. D. Woolworth, Colonel and Mrs. Akin, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Edholm, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Joslyn, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Seydel, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Burlingame, Dr. C. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davis, Dr. and Mrs. Hanchett, the Misses May and Jennie Wallace, Miss Helen Connelley, the Misses Myrtle and Mable Shreve, Miss Edson, Miss Hamilton, Miss Vorhies, Miss Mary Copeland, Miss Ida Gilson, Miss Ella Armstrong, the Misses Miller, and Mary Graft, Miss Studman, Miss Seely, Miss King, Miss Long, Miss Porter, Miss Kennedy, Miss Shipman, Miss Kenyon, the Misses Wilson, Mrs. Magrane, the Misses Corby, Mrs. and Mrs. Gantner, Miss Uhlen, Miss Witman, Dr. and Mrs. Hauglaug, the Misses Evans, Dr. W. Whitney, A. M. Akin, William Howard, Dr. and Mrs. Laing, Perry Radoloff, Dr. E. R. Smith, A. T. Smith, Bart Whitney, H. L. Akin, G. A. Streitz, Dr. McCann, William Rhodes, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Huggenbotham, G. A. Starring, Mr. and Mrs. Porter, Mr. Castling, Mr. Tunica, Mr. Kreger, Roy Walker, Mr. Kennedy, W. E. Wakefield, H. E. Gates, Dr. Williams, W. C. Ross, Mr. Adams, Mr. Knevels, Mr. Sherrill, Mr. Livesey, Mr. Shorrock. The social will be held once a month.

Hymen's Hunt.

The wedding of Miss Laura Schamel and Henry Sautter occurred Wednesday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents, Twenty-fourth and Pierce streets. The ceremony was performed at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. J. S. Dotweiler. Miss Clara Feenan acted as bridesmaid, while Tom Croft officiated as best man. Mr. Sautter is one of Omaha's most popular young business men, and has a host of friends. His bride is the daughter of a well-known family, and is a daughter of Jacob Schamel, one of Omaha's most respected citizens, and is a universal favorite. Mr. Sautter is to be congratulated on his excellent choice. The evening's grand reception was held, at which a number of their friends assembled to offer congratulations. Those present had the pleasure of listening to a vocal and instrumental music. A large set of knives and forks, teaspoons and tablespoons, salt set, etc., from employees of G. H. & J. S. Collins; pickle castor, from the son of the bride; a silver-plated fancy pot, Miss Metzger; silver napkin rings, Tom Croft; cut glass berry dish and saucers, Miss Roberts; fruit stand, Mrs. J. R. Lewis; Japanese tea set, Mrs. and Miss Sumner; Mrs. Shaw; fancy tidy, Miss Gertie Sawhill.

Howard Rustin.

One of the prettiest and quietest weddings that has been witnessed here was that of Miss Alice Rustin and Chauncey Otis Howard at the tabernacle of the First Congregational church last night. At 6:30 the bridal party entered the church and were made one according to the simple ceremony of the Congregational church. The bride was lovely in a cream china silk over a satin dove-train. She carried a bouquet of white star and Niel roses. The bridesmaids, Miss Helen Hull and Miss Marnie Royce, wore white lace dresses and carried bouquets of blue and white. Snow and Mr. Crapp acted as ushers.

The bride is a daughter of Gilbert Rustin, and has won many admirers by her graces of mind and person. Mr. Howard is a son of the late George Howard, and is highly respected for his business and social qualifications. Mr. and Mrs. Howard will be at home in Mount Pleasant addition.

Quietly Linked.

A very quiet wedding occurred Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of W. O. Mathews and Miss Nancy J. Tuttle. The marriage was solemnized by the Rev. J. S. Dotweiler, at the home of the bride's parents, 825 College avenue. A large number of friends were present to offer congratulations, and many toasts were offered at the table. Thereafter a grand supper was spread. The bride is the daughter of one of Omaha's oldest residents and is one of the social favorites of the city. The groom is a resident of St. Louis, and is employed by Milton Rodgers the past seven years. Many friendly wishes follow them.

Walnut Hill Club.

Mrs. Stewart entertained the Walnut Hill club Thursday evening. A fine vocal and instrumental programme in cards and recitation made the evening an enjoyable one. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Needham, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, Miss Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Feltou, Mrs. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Hays, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Hatt, Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn and Miss Van Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Feltou was made president of the club. The meetings will be held every two weeks. The next will be held at Mrs. Needham's.

Small and Early.

Dr. and Mrs. Whinnery entertained a few friends, informally Monday evening. The party had a small anniversary party Monday evening.

The Bezieque club met at Mrs. Sargent's last week.

Callers at the club Thursday were Mrs. Leavitt, Burnham, Mrs. F. K. Moody, Mrs. and Mrs. Annin, of Omaha, Mrs. Paddock, of Beatrice; Miss Miller and Miss McCane, of Meadville, Pa.; Mrs. McCord.

Informal Card Party.

Mrs. Wakefield entertained a few friends at an informal card party Friday night. A delightful evening was spent in playing cards and listening to the guests.

A Dinner Party.

Dr. and Mrs. Dinsmore gave a small dinner party Monday evening, entertaining the Hon. H. H. Giles, of Madison, Wis., president of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, which will meet in Omaha during the coming year, also the Hon. W. E. Elmore, of Milwaukee, president of the Wisconsin state board of charities, the Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Copeland, Prof. and Mrs. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Groff, Mr. and Mrs. Luningger and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Woolworth.

W. E. Elmore, of Milwaukee, president of the Wisconsin state board of charities, the Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Copeland, Prof. and Mrs. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Groff, Mr. and Mrs. Luningger and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Woolworth.

A Pleasant Surprise.

A very pleasant surprise party was tendered Miss Mable Van Nesa Wednesday evening at her parents' residence, 917 North Wheaton street. The evening was spent in dancing and music until 12 o'clock when an elegant luncheon was served. Among the few from abroad, were Miss Mary Davis, Miss Belle Miller, Mr. Charles Walters and Mr. L. Walker, of Council Bluffs.

Futurities.

The Metropolitan club give their next party December 9.

The Concordia church ball will occur December 25.

The Philomene club will assemble at Masonic hall December 20.

The Happy Hours club will give a party at Masonic hall December 28.

The A. O. U. W. ball will be held at Metropolitan hall December 30.

There will be a K. of L. assembly No. 311 at Masonic hall December 11.

The Home Circle club will hold their next party at Masonic hall December 31.

There will be a ladies' party among the Knights of Labor organization at Cunningham hall December 8.

The children of the Sunday school of the Congregational church will have a party at Metropolitan hall December 23.

Art Gossip.

Mrs. J. T. Clark has painted a group of panthers on glass.

Miss Southard has completed a handsome specimen of repousse.

Miss Ball is painting some charming landscapes on ground glass.

Miss Balbach is decorating a dainty bag with spider webs, birds and other designs.

Miss Day, on Capitol Hill, has made a number of sachet bags from minkskin, decorated with rosebuds and pansies.

Mrs. Dr. Grant has made several pretty sachets by covering a piece of silk with board with diagonal pieces of silk and plush in contrasting colors, and attaching a small golden rod or daisies is painted at one side.

Collins and Shantz are busy on Christmas orders, many of which are for out-of-town people. Two handsome portraits have been completed by J. O. Fisher, of Hastings Gazette, and Mrs. and wife, a bright-looking brunette. Another good piece of work was the portrait of H. W. Sweitz, of Kearney.

In the studio most of the pupils have put aside their needles and are busy buying themselves in preparing pretty trifles for Christmas. Cards, expensive and useless as they are, have had a long reign, but this year they are declared no longer fashionable, and instead artists are that are useful as well as artistic are sent, such as portfolios, blotters, sachet bags and calendars.

Miss Kittie Lowe has completed her beautiful set of plates, and sent it to Chicago to be set. The plates are in a dozen different designs, delicately tinted and painted with sea anemones and shells. The platter is fitted to represent water and the rim has a conventional design of fishes, with stray bits of rope, fish hooks and bait scattered here and there.

Mrs. Munnaugh is still adding to her Christmas offerings, and has selected a number of fine specimens of wood-carving. A pair of panels have single and double roses carved in relief. A cabinet of intricate workmanship is nearing completion. Mrs. Munnaugh has been putting the finishing touches on some fine landscapes. Among the lesser objects were noticed a spoon with a stormy sea, and a bowl ornamented with sea mosses.

Brevities.

Mrs. Dubois is out after a severe illness.

Mrs. E. S. Dundy, Jr., is seriously ill with diphtheria.

Mrs. Hoagland expects to travel in the south after Christmas.

Mrs. Carrie Howell is home from a delightful tour in the south.

Mrs. Strang has returned from an extended visit in Aurora, Ill.

Mrs. George A. Joslin has returned from a visit in New York.

Judge and Mrs. McCullough are home from a visit in Chicago.

Miss Adelaide Dunbar, of Chicago, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Coburn.

Charlie and Mattie Stone returned yesterday from a two weeks visit in Sioux City.

Mrs. Crosey, of Fairbury, Neb., is visiting Mrs. John Francis, on Colfax street.

Mrs. W. J. Martin is enjoying a visit from her father, Dr. D. Greenleaf, of Galesburg, Ill.

Mrs. E. H. Perry, of St. Joseph, is visiting her niece, Mrs. J. A. Wakefield, 2929 Farnam.

Mrs. Donaldson, of Chicago, has come to reside permanently with her son-in-law, Robert Eason.

Mrs. D. N. Smith, of St. Louis, arrived here Thursday, and will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Wynan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore are enjoying a visit from Mr. Moore's sister, Mrs. Barslow, of Cincinnati.

Miss McMillan, of Savannah, Ga., is a visitor here, and will spend the week with her uncle, Mr. McMillan.

Mrs. Clark is training her class, which comprises some of the best material of the city in piano singing.

Miss McLane, of Meadville, Pa., is the guest of Miss Howell, and will remain until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stanton, of Valparaiso, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Logan, on Poppleton avenue.

Miss Kittie Lowe will go to New Orleans early next month to spend the severest months of the winter.

Mrs. L. O. Dorman, of Cleveland, O., is visiting her niece, Mrs. J. H. Daniels, Chicago and Twenty-third streets.

Mrs. Horton has returned from Chicago accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Fleming, who will spend several weeks in Omaha.

Miss Lehmer is the guest of Miss Anna Graves, in Saluda, Col. She will return for the holidays, accompanied by Miss Grant.

The Rev. Dr. Fox of St. Louis, who has been appointed pastor of the Christian church on Twentieth street, is quartered at 2210 Capitol avenue.